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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YOSHIYUKI SAKAKI ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: N/Y/A ) Group Art Unit: N/Y/A  
Filed: Currently herewith )  
For: HUMAN Napl PROTEIN ) June 13, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 5, 7, 9, 12-15 and 17 as  
follows.

5. (Amended) A recombinant vector containing the  
DNA according to any one of Claims 2 [to 4] or 3 and a  
vector.

A' 7. (Amended) A process for producing [the said]  
protein, which comprises culturing the transformant according  
to Claim 6 in a medium to produce and accumulate the [protein